

BROTHERS' FAMILIES

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Todd Family

Brothers and Their Families

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13th Nov 1864
MRS. LINCOLN'S BROTHER KILLED.
New York, Aug. 20. Among the rebel killed at
Baton Rouge was Capt. Alexander H. Todd, the
brother of Mrs. Lincoln.

Dies in Springfield

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—(AP)—Mrs. Louisa Todd Keys, 87, niece of Mary Todd Lincoln, wife of President Lincoln, died Sunday night after a short illness. She was the widow of Edward Keys, former president of the Ridgely Farmers bank here, and the mother of Alvin Keys, present assistant director of public safety.

May 1943

Mrs. Louisa Keys Dies At Residence

Was Niece Of Mary
Todd Lincoln.

Mrs. Louisa Todd Keys, 87, of 603 South Seventh street, niece of Mary Todd Lincoln, wife of the Great Emancipator, died at 7:15 a. m. yesterday at her residence.

Mrs. Keys was born at Lexington, Ky., Jan. 27, 1856, the daughter of Levi Owen Todd and Louisa Searles Todd. Her father was a brother of Mary Todd Lincoln, wife of President Lincoln.

She came to Springfield at the age of five, following the death of her mother, and resided with her sister, Mrs. Ella Todd Canfield, at the residence immediately south of the executive mansion, which later was acquired by Dr. Vachel Lindsay.

On October 10, 1876, she was married to Edward Douglas Keys, farm owner and banker, and for many years one of Springfield's

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leading business men. Mr. Keys preceded her in death on Nov. 19, 1935. Shortly after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Keys occupied the home at the southwest corner of Seventh and Edwards and Mrs. Keys had resided there 67 years at the time of her death.

Her wedding dress was sent to her by her aunt, Mary Todd Lincoln, and was a dress which had been worn by Mrs. Lincoln when presented to the court of St. James in England. Mrs. Keys was the recipient of many personal gifts from Mrs. Lincoln and also from her aunt, the late Mrs. Elizabeth Todd Edwards, wife of Ninian W. Edwards.

While somewhat infirm and inactive in recent years, Mrs. Keys had continued to maintain a keen interest in city affairs until stricken at her home early this week. She was a member of the Central Baptist church.

Surviving Mrs. Keys are three sons, George of Havana, Alvin S. and Edward L. Keys of Springfield, and seven grandchildren, Lt. George E. Keys, U. S. naval reserves, Sabine Pass, Tex.; Mrs. John W. Rourke, Havana; Mrs. Charles A. Munn, jr., New York City; Mrs. E. Harold Ennis, Springfield; Miss Judy Keys, Chicago; Mrs. Lowell D. Ryan, Chicago, and Sgt. Edward L. Keys, jr., Camp Lubbock, Tex. Five great-grandchildren also survive.

Remains were removed to the home of her son, Alvin S. Keys, 1600 Park drive, and will be returned to the Thomas C. Smith Sons funeral home at 10 a. m. tomorrow. Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. tomorrow at the funeral home chapel, Rev. Vernon L. Shontz, officiating. Interment will be in Oak Ridge cemetery.



